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#### TOWN PICNIC ATTENDANCE BY YEAR

1998: 325  
2000: 625  
2002: 925  
2004: 1,175  
2006: 1,420  
2008: 1,455  
2010: 1,850

#### FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

**2007:**

David Wilson, Magician

**2008:**

Jay Alexander, Magician

**2009:**

Pirates of Harbor Bay

**2010:**

Pirates of Harbor Bay

#### PAST BANDS

**2008:**

Touch-N-Go

**2009:**

Jazz Unlimited

**2010:**

Jazz ConneXion



## The Little Picnic That Could

Summer is here, and with it, the seminal Town-sponsored event of the year, the annual Town Picnic on Sunday, June 5. The Town underwrites a number of community events each year with the aim of promoting stronger social ties, shared experiences, and meaningful interaction with neighbors. Indeed, the City Council has allocated \$30,000 in public funds for the Picnic, so there is no charge for residents for this community-building event. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2]



The picnic features a whole host of attractions and events that Town residents have come to expect, including live music, inflatable attractions, Lionel model trains, family games, pony rides, and the ever-popular classic car show.

### Little piglets, big fun

For the first time this year, the Picnic will feature pig racing—an immensely popular form of entertainment on the county fair circuit rarely glimpsed on the West Coast. The good folks from Hambone Express will make the trip from Fayetteville, Arkansas, to showcase these 16 lovable, portly little racing piglets. These pacey porkers appear thanks to the sponsorship of Los Altos Hills Families. This is a guaranteed good time that is not to be missed.

### Time-tested favorites

The Picnic features a whole host of attractions and events that Town residents have come to expect and eagerly anticipate, year after year. These include live music, inflatable attractions, Lionel model trains, family games, pony rides, and the ever-popular classic car show.

The Town will provide lunch for all pre-registered Los Altos Hills residents who arrive between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Enjoy a choice of chicken, all-beef hot dogs, or vegetarian meals, all cooked and served up by the terrific firefighters from Santa Clara County Firefighters Local #1165. Residents can also look forward to a serving of famed “firefighters’ chili,” salad, and garlic bread. Volunteers will be serving soft drinks, beer, and wine. For dessert, enjoy ice cream sundaes with all the toppings.



## PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **FOOD:** A complimentary lunch with your choice of all-beef hot dog, veggie burger, chicken, chili, tossed salad, garlic bread, and ice cream sundaes.
- **DRINKS:** Sodas, beer, and wine
- **CLASSIC CAR SHOW:** Over 40 vintage and electric cars
- **GAMES:** A variety of exciting games including the velcro wall, obstacle course, and jumper house.
- **PIG RACES:** Cheer on one of 16 lovable, portly little piglets in lively races throughout the day.
- **MUSIC:** Jazz Unlimited is back by popular demand to perform for your listening and dancing pleasure.
- **TRAINS:** The Lionel Train Association will run model trains under a tent.
- **PONY RIDES:** Children will be able to ride ponies in the round pen next to the car show.

### Important things to know

This year's Picnic takes place Sunday, June 5, from 1:00–4:30 pm at Purissima Park on Purissima Road at Viscaino Road. Admission and lunch are free to all Town residents, but pre-registration and proof of residence are required. Residents who registered online will need to print and bring their confirmation e-mail to claim their meal tickets.

Shuttle service will be offered on a continual basis from the Town Hall parking lot to and from the event. No dogs are allowed in Purissima Park or at the Picnic. There will be many canopy covers with tables and chairs, and the Picnic will be held



rain or shine. The Community Relations Committee organizes the Town Picnic, with help from many resident volunteers. Consider volunteering for a 30- to 60-minute shift to help with registration, games, or by serving drinks or ice cream. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 650-947-2518.



### TO LEARN MORE:

For additional information please contact Town Hall at 650-947-2512 or visit [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov).



# ENSURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

**T**he Town of Los Altos Hills has launched a new Online Survey Program designed to gather resident feedback on important Town issues. The advantages of an online survey include convenience for survey respondents and low cost and fast results for the Town.

## How will the program work?

Throughout the year, the Town will announce surveys via email to residents enrolled in the program. Simply click on the link contained in the e-mail and follow the survey instructions. All surveys will close on a specific date, and results will be posted to the Town's website and remain posted for future reference. SnowTech Media, the Town's webmaster, will administer this program. All e-mails announcing surveys will be from LAHSurvey@snowtechmedia.com.

## How will results be used and who decides what questions to ask?

The Online Survey Program is intended to aid our local government decision-making process by providing the Town's elected officials with additional information on what Town residents think. Residents are welcome to submit survey questions and topics of interest to the Town. All survey questions are subject to review and approval by the City Council. The purpose of the program is to quickly identify issues of concern to residents that the Council should address. Depending on the scope and complexity of a given issue, the Council may require a more scientifically based survey.

## How do I enroll?

This is an Internet-based program, so we need your email address. Choose from one of these convenient enrollment options:

1. Online – Register online at [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/survey](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/survey)
2. Email – Send your contact information to [survey@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto:survey@losaltoshills.ca.gov)

## Will my personal contact information be shared?

No. The Town values the privacy of its residents, and your personal contact information will only be available for use in the Online Survey Program. To ensure your privacy, the surveys will not collect personal information such as IP addresses or email addresses. You may terminate your participation at any time by either contacting Town Hall or using the unsubscribe feature, which will be included on all survey announcements. Your participation is greatly appreciated, so please register today.

*Carl Cahill, City Manager*

# Arastradero Trail Improvement Project

**T**he proposed Arastradero Trail Improvement Project includes the restoration and construction of pathways and bike lanes spanning approximately one lineal mile, beginning at the intersection of Arastradero and Purissima Roads, and ending at Arastradero Road near Tracy Court.

The plan is intended to provide a safe and convenient pedestrian/equestrian/bicycle connection between public trails on the Lands of Stanford, Town residential neighborhoods to the north and south of I-280, and Arastradero Preserve. The project consists of the rehabilitation of existing Town pathways according to Town specifications; the completion of a missing pathway link along Arastradero Road adjacent to I-280; crosswalk improvements; and the installation of new bike lanes on portions of Arastradero and Page Mill Roads. A foot bridge has also been proposed as an option near Page Mill and Baleri Ranch Roads.

At the Planning Commission and City Council meetings in March 2011, neighbors expressed concerns that the project will result in an increase in traffic and parking problems. Specifically, neighbors are concerned that the improved trail would connect the Stanford S-1 Trail with Arastradero Preserve and create a significant increase in the number of users, exacerbating weekend parking and bicycle traffic problems that already exist in the surrounding neighborhoods.

On March 17, 2011, the City Council voted unanimously to continue the project. They directed Town staff to study the potential safety, traffic, and parking impacts of the project, and to consider redesign or additional mitigation in response to resident comments and concerns. A web page containing background information and status updates on the project has been created, and can be accessed from the Town's website at [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov). The project is expected to be rescheduled for City Council review this summer.

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to receive future notifications for this project, please contact Debbie Pedro at [dpedro@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto:dpedro@losaltoshills.ca.gov).

*Debbie Pedro, Planning Director*





# The Restoration of Adobe Creek

Adobe Creek is making friends in all the right places — a growing awareness of the importance of maintaining the health of local creeks prompted Dr. Richard Lanman of Los Altos to form the Friends of Adobe Creek. In addition to general stewardship and monitoring of the creek, the new group is dedicated “to restoring our once perennial steelhead trout stream.”

Restoring Adobe Creek might seem an impossible dream, but Dr. Lanman has gathered together an impressive group of interested residents to work toward that eventuality. Members include Los Altos and Los Altos Hills residents, as well as representatives of many local and regional conservation groups.

The group meets for monthly educational hikes along different sections of Adobe Creek. In February, Jim McCarthy, Adobe Creek Reach 1 Streamkeeper, and Phil Bobel of Palo Alto Public Works, gave a fascinating tour of the Palo Alto Tidal Basin, including the tidal gates where Adobe Creek flows into the Bay. In March, the group enjoyed guided tours of the Reach 5 restoration in Los Altos and the new restoration project underway in Redwood Grove.

A key goal of the group is to restore the riparian areas along the stream—the willows, shrubs, and other vegetation that grow along the banks of local creeks, adding biological diversity to the ecosystem. In addition to providing critical habitat for wildlife, these areas are crucial for preventing soil runoff and erosion, as well as providing food and shelter for aquatic animals. Indeed, fish were abundant in Adobe Creek during the first half of the 20th century, and steelhead trout were caught in lower Adobe Creek as recently as 1987. Restoration, which would include removing man-made fish barriers, might just bring them back.

If you would like to learn more about this important local environmental initiative, go to the Friends of Adobe Creek Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/AdobeCreek](http://www.facebook.com/AdobeCreek)), where you can see photos and content related to the project. You can join the group by clicking the “like” icon near the title. You can also learn more about Adobe Creek at [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adobe\\_Creek\\_\(near\\_Los\\_Altos,\\_California\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adobe_Creek_(near_Los_Altos,_California)).

## A Tranquil Respite

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills (the historic site of The Old Purissima Schoolhouse) is a tranquil rest stop for cyclists and pedestrians traveling through Los Altos Hills. The property has several benches and chairs on the grounds. Off the main parking lot, to the left of the nursery building, is a drinking fountain where visitors may refill their water bottles or splash their faces after the climb up Duval Way. For visitors who like to stay connected, the site has excellent cell reception.

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills is at the top of Duval Way in Los Altos Hills where Highway 280 crosses Robleda Road. Those using the area as respite are asked to have respect for the property and dispose of trash properly.

For more information about St. Luke's, please visit [www.stlukeschapel.org](http://www.stlukeschapel.org) or call 650-941-6524.



The recent wet winter has many Town residents questioning the need for water conservation. In reality, California's burgeoning population and relatively dry, Mediterranean climate mean conservation measures must be standard practice. Automated irrigation systems can be a particularly effective way to conserve water and save on water bills.

One of the biggest water usage mistakes is simply watering the same amount and frequency from March until November. The truth is that water needs vary drastically between the seasons. In March or April, a typical landscape might need less than one-fifth of the water it requires in July or August.

## CONSERVE WATER THROUGH Automation

There are several reasons for these changing water needs. Everyone knows that daily temperatures and water needs are highest in the summer, but what's less well known is the impact that shorter days have on evaporation and plant needs—shorter fall days mean less water usage. In addition, it is easy to underestimate how long the moisture from winter rains remains in the heavy clay soil around Los Altos Hills.

It's best to think of a yard's seasonal water needs as a bell curve, where the relative needs are lowest in the early and later part of the year. Water needs climb around late May and June, and then taper off quite quickly in late September and October, even before any rain has fallen.

### Technology to the rescue

The most efficient way to realize these conservation gains is through the use of weather-based irrigation controllers, or WBICs. These types of irrigation timers generally work in one of two ways. One type has a local sensor—either a soil probe that measures the moisture in the ground, or a tiny weather station that measures temperature, wind, humidity, etc. These sensors are connected to the irrigation controller, often remotely, and provide the information necessary for daily adjustments to the landscape's irrigation schedule. Best of all, the process is completely automated.

The second type requires a service that collects weather data from weather moni-

toring stations in the area, and then sends that information to the controller each night. The controller will adjust water usage each day based on prevailing weather patterns to suit each landscape's unique needs and conditions.

Each system has its own strengths and weaknesses, but either is better than watering the same amount each day of the year, wasting money and precious water.

Los Altos Hills resident Steve Schmidt agrees. He installed two web-based "Ethern" controllers from QuickSmart last summer, after his 15-year old controller gave out. The system uses online weather station data to detect weather conditions and manage water needs.

"It is a big improvement over manual controllers, and helps reduce wasteful over-watering", Schmidt says. "And no more changing the settings every few months—you just set it and forget it."

### Rebate available

Currently, Santa Clara Valley Water District offers rebates toward the purchase of a WBIC controller; however, preapproval from the District is required before purchasing and installing the unit.

Professionals are available to install irrigation systems or assist in identifying plant needs and soil types. Look for a contractor with specialized irrigation knowledge, such as a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA), or a participant in the Green Gardener Certification program of Santa Clara County.

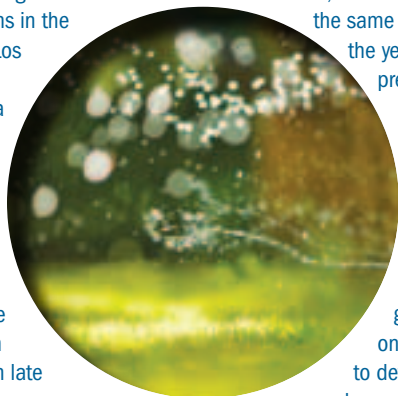
## FINDING A Green Gardener

If you are looking for a gardener trained in sustainable landscaping practices, a good place to start is the Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener Training Program. More than 70 individuals from local businesses have already completed the training, with more classes and graduates on the way.

The 10-week training program on sustainable landscaping practices is designed for landscape maintenance workers, landscape contractors, and professional gardeners. The courses, which are offered in English and Spanish, cover irrigation; pruning; use of mulch and compost; plant selection; soils; and low-toxic pest control options.

The class is offered through the combined efforts of the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program, the Santa Clara County Master Gardeners, and the Fremont Union High School District-Sunnyvale Adult Community Education program. Visit [www.mywatershedwatch.org](http://www.mywatershedwatch.org) to find contact information for local Green Gardeners. If you would like to be notified about future Green

Gardener classes, please call 408-720-8811 ext.2.





# EARTH DAY



**O**n a sunny afternoon in April, residents gathered at Westwind Barn to celebrate Earth Day in Los Altos Hills style—a fun, family-oriented day of education and entertainment, showcasing a number of local, eco-friendly products and producers. What’s more, the celebration made a superb showcase for the revitalized Westwind Barn, the aim of whose restoration was, among other things, to create a locus for educational and recreational events central to the character of a thriving small-town community.







From creepy, crawly reptiles to majestic felines, with stops in between for local vintners and farmers, Earth Day had it all. Here are just some of the highlights enjoyed by hundreds of Town residents who turned out for the event:

**Big Cats:** Shoshone the Mountain Lion was one of the graceful wild cats in the popular Big Cats presentation by Rob and Barbara Dicely from Leopards Etc. Rob and Barbara had some important safety tips to share as well, reminding hikers not to go into mountain lion territory alone, and never to turn and run if confronted by a big cat. Instead, they suggest making yourself look as big as possible and backing away slowly. One of the simplest deterrents for mountain lions is a whistle — apparently they don't tolerate whistle sounds well at all.

**Local vintners:** The Bryan family—Torin, Erik, Teresa, Scott and Madeline—has been making wine together for four years, and was glad to share some of their recent vintage with Earth Day participants.

**Start locally, act globally:** Los Altos Hills residents also got a reminder of how they can positively affect the world beyond the Town's borders courtesy of resident Charlie Knowles, founder of the Wildlife Conservation Network, whose mission is to protect endangered species and habitats around the globe.





# POWER HUNGRY?

**D**id you know that homes in Los Altos Hills use three times the energy of the average Northern California residence? Those usage figures reflect the typically sizable square footage of Town properties and energy-intensive lifestyles of many residents.

Local resident Steve Schmidt and Environmental Initiatives Committee Chair Peter Evans decided to do something about those sizable energy usage totals, conducting energy audits of residents' homes. Their findings were surprising—they found significant energy waste in electrical plug loads, which can be remedied with some simple energy-saving devices. This inspired them to reach out to Acterra, a Palo Alto-based non-profit, to design and initiate the High-Energy Homes project.

Designed specifically for larger homes with high energy bills, the High-Energy Homes project is funded by a grant from the California Energy Commission, using our Town's share of federal Stimulus funds designed to help communities reduce their energy consumption. Using a

free and fully confidential online energy assessment tool, the High-Energy Homes project analyzes data from a resident's PG&E SmartMeter and other publicly available sources. Residents supply answers to a few simple questions, and the software disaggregates the customer's energy use, showing where the energy goes. The software then creates customized recommendations for that home. Acterra will provide follow-up for one year and support residents with implementing suggestions.

Criteria for participation include energy bills averaging \$700 or more a month; an installed SmartMeter; willingness to share PG&E bill data for the previous and following 12 months; residence in the home for at least one year; and no solar PV system (the meter used for PV will not provide needed data). Residents will be served in the order in which they sign up. To see if you qualify for this program, please contact Acterra's Davena Gentry at [davenag@acterra.org](mailto:davenag@acterra.org) or 650-962-9876 x305.



## Safety

### Santa Clara County Fire District Offers **SAFESITTERS CLASS**

**T**aking care of young children is a big responsibility. For young adults ages 13 to 17, this one-day course covers a variety of topics, including ethics and responsibilities, personal safety, emergency situation skills (covering basic first aid and choking), and how to provide quality child care. Sign up for this course by contacting your local community center.

Students who complete this course will be able to:

- Plan activities that are appropriate for children of different ages
- Take appropriate measures to maintain a safe environment
- Properly report emergencies
- Learn basic first aid and choking-prevention skills
- Safely respond to emergencies such as fire or earthquake
- Develop basic business skills while establishing themselves as quality child care providers
- Recognize and properly respond to inappropriate adult behaviors or suspected child abuse

The class meets at Friday, June 17, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm in Room 2 at the Hillview Community Center (97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos). The cost is \$35 per student. To register, call 650-947-2790.

### CERT Program for Hearing- and Mobility-Impaired Residents

**T**he Los Altos Hills County Fire District is working hard to implement a program intended to help hearing-impaired and mobility-impaired Town residents. This program is designed specifically to assist our CERT members in locating neighbors who need special assistance in an emergency. Several of your LAHCFD CERT members are helping in this effort to distribute vinyl window identifiers to hearing- and mobility-impaired community members. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please contact Mike Sanders at 650-922-1055.



## Neighbors HELPING seniors

community more senior friendly.

Say Hi helps seniors to access important services and to age with dignity. Dedicated volunteers assist in key areas where little service exists, and with elderly members of our community who may be unaware of the services available to them. Specifically, Say Hi is active in conveying the latest in emergency preparedness, rides, neighborhood links, and services in the San Antonio Hills area. Indeed, since 2008, the Say Hi rides program has provided over 1,000 free trips of up to 20 minutes to seniors who arrange for a ride at least a day in advance.

Say Hi is a senior support group whose motto is "Neighbors Helping Seniors." Made up of volunteers of all ages in the San Antonio Hills area, Say Hi includes local residents who want to give back something to make their

### How You Can Help

High on Say Hi's wish list is the formation of similar volunteer groups in surrounding communities. The San Antonio Hills Say Hi-ers would love to be able to refer seniors in need who live beyond their borders to a neighborhood Say Hi group for help.

Say Hi is particularly interested in finding residents of the Town of Los Altos Hills—whose aging population could significantly benefit from such a program—eager to start a similar group. This is an excellent opportunity for local residents to learn from and capitalize on the work of a proven, successful neighborhood program. Interested parties contact Gary Vondran of Say Hi at 650-752-4242 or [vontech@ix.netcom.com](mailto:vontech@ix.netcom.com).





## High Notes for Bullis Charter School's G-Clef Choir

**A**t a time of increasing standardization in education, Bullis Charter School (BCS) offers a broad array of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities to aid in the personalization and customization of the education of each student. One example of this philosophy in action is the school's music program, which was recently recognized for the excellent performance of its students.

A total of 38 students in grades four, five, and six participated for the first time in the school's history in the California Music Educators Association Choral Festival. Along with 20 choirs from all over the Bay Area—including 11 high school entries—BCS' G-Clef choir students were adjudicated by three judges in areas such as technique, sound quality, and musicality. They were rated on a scale ranging from "needs improvement" to "superior." The G-Clef students received the stellar "unanimous superior" ranking (all three judges awarded them superior ratings), indicating a performance "worthy of being recognized as among the very best." The

choir also received a perfect score in the area of "discipline," when being judged for their sight reading skills as an ensemble. This speaks to the students' tremendous effort, attention to direction, and ability to work effectively together with their peers—character traits that are highly valued and explicitly taught at BCS.

G-Clef, like all extra-curricular and sports opportunities offered at BCS, is open to every student, without audition, who is interested in joining. Students in grades one, two, and three can take part in Treble Voices, the primary level choir. Both are under the skilled direction of David Belles, BCS music teacher, whose own varied musical and teaching experiences have brought many honors, including the David Stein Award for Choral Excellence. This June, Mr. Belles will be teaching Children's Choir and Voice Development Camp on the Pinewood School Upper Campus. This course is available through the Parks and Rec. Dept. for kids ages 9 to 13, from 6/13 to 7/15, M-F, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

**M**oved by the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Gardner Bullis School held a month-long Help Heal Japan campaign organized by its Giving Back Committee and a few Japanese families. The students started off with a simple cash-donation drive. Creating posters and dressing in Japanese attire to draw attention to their drive, students came early and stayed late to collect pennies, quarters, dollars, checks, and more from students, parents, and teachers.

Not satisfied with just a cash-donation drive and motivated to do more, the students mobilized to create more opportunities to fundraise. With the help of Gardner Bullis Boy Scouts, the school hosted a movie night featuring the award-winning Japanese anime movie, *My Neighbor Totoro*. Sixth-grade boys gave skateboarding lessons to younger students. Third-grade boys ran a basketball skills clinic after school. One second-grader sold her personal artwork. A fourth-grade girl hosted a movie night at her house. And school

## Gardner Bullis Reaches Out to Help Japan

Girl Scouts baked and sold treats. Across the student body, extra chores were taken on to raise money for disaster relief. All this work was happily performed by the Gardner Bullis students in order to help the people of Japan.

The school and several Japanese families supported the fundraising activities of its students with supplemental Japanese cultural

activities and educational lessons. The school fully embraced the Japanese culture as part of the campaign, making origami crafts available during lunchtime; redecorating the library with Japanese posters and art; providing Japanese story and manga books; incorporating Japanese aspects into lesson plans; and holding workshops on manga and Japanese drumming.

All told, Gardner Bullis students raised over \$5,700 through their combined efforts. This amount was contributed to the Red Cross and to UNICEF, specifically for the Japan disaster. But just as importantly, these students gained a better cultural understanding of Japan and its people. They may be half a world away, but

the students of Gardner Bullis School now feel a very close connection to the people of Japan and understand the importance of giving back to others in need.







**W**ho will find the golden and silver eggs? If you asked the children, the colorful Easter Egg Hunt, organized by Los Altos Hills Families (LAHF), was the highlight of the Los Altos Hills Annual Earth Day Celebration at Westwind Barn.

## Eggshilarating HUNT

The Hunt has become a signal event of spring in the Town, attended by growing numbers of Los Altos Hills families. Thousands of eggs, hundreds of children, arts, crafts, activities, coffee for parents, and a partridge in a pear tree!

LAHF was founded by Mark Breier and a number of other Los Altos Hills parents to help area families connect, and to sponsor family-friendly events. Please visit [www.lahfamily.com](http://www.lahfamily.com) for more information about family-oriented events in Town.



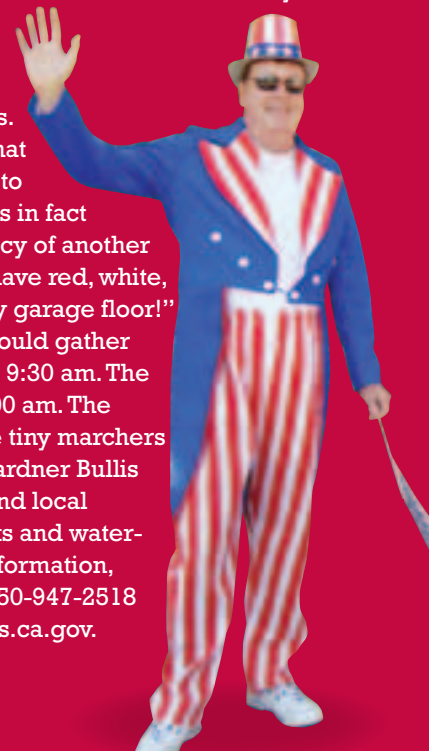
# RED WHITE & YOU

**T**urn out in red, white, and blue for the Third Annual Los Altos Hills Fourth of July Parade. Kids of all ages should come dressed for the parade, and decorate their bikes, stilts, po-go sticks, rollerblades, skateboards, etc. (People-powered vehicles only; no fossil fuels or horses.)

The parade is the brainchild of Los Altos Hills resident Courtenay Corrigan: "It's really about engaging the whole community in a fun, family-oriented event to create the sort of close-knit Town we all want and enjoy."

Certainly, it seems obvious now—what better way to bring together Los Altos Hills families than a festive, fun-filled holiday party? "The Fourth holds so many great memories for me as a kid," Corrigan says, "from the picnics to the parades and the fireworks. I really wanted to bring that tradition and experience to our Town." The parade has in fact created an enduring legacy of another sort for Corrigan: "I still have red, white, and blue stars stuck to my garage floor!"

Parade participants should gather at Town Hall beginning at 9:30 am. The procession begins at 10:00 am. The parade route will take the tiny marchers down Fremont Road to Gardner Bullis School, where the Town and local donors will provide drinks and watermelon for all. For more information, contact Sarah Gualtieri, 650-947-2518 or [sgualtieri@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto:sgualtieri@losaltoshills.ca.gov).



**Check out the Spring/Summer Activity Guide for a full list of camps, classes, and events.**

[www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks-and-recreation/activity-guide](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks-and-recreation/activity-guide)



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# CALENDAR



## June 5

**Sunday, 1:00 – 4:30 pm**  
**14th Annual Town Picnic**  
See cover story. Open to all Los Altos Hills residents. Reservations required. Join your neighbors at Purissima Park.

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**Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Youth PEP Class**  
Los Altos Hills Youth Commission and kids ages 10-18 are encouraged to attend a Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) class at the

El Monte Fire Station. Space is limited. Contact Mike Sanders, 650-922-1055.

## July 4

**Monday, 9:30 am – 11:00 am**  
**4th of July Parade**



Gather at Town Hall wearing your red, white, and blue. For more information, see page 11.

## 9-10

**Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
**32nd Annual Los Altos Art & Wine Festival**  
Los Altos transforms into the largest two-day, mid-summer event in the Bay Area. For more information, visit [www.downtownlosaltos.org](http://www.downtownlosaltos.org).

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**Sat., 5:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Hidden Villa Summer Concerts Series**  
Hidden Villa, the Town of Los Altos Hills, and Pat Kalish team up to offer a free midsummer concert featuring the Joe Sharino Band. Must pre-register for parking voucher at

<http://hiddenvilla.org/calendar9.php>.

## August 28

**Sat., 5:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Hidden Villa Summer Concerts Series**  
Hidden Villa, The Town of Los Altos Hills, and



Pat Kalish team up to offer a free end-of-summer concert with steaming Latin dance grooves by Orquesta D'Soul. Must pre-register for parking voucher at <http://hiddenvilla.org/calendar9.php>.



## Sept 10

**Sat., 3:00 – 8:00 pm**  
**Hoedown**  
Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Altamont Road. Free, fun-filled day of old-fashioned games, crafts, and horse show. Bring cash or check for snacks, dinner, and drinks. For more information, contact Kathy Evans at 650-948-8985 or [EvansASE@aol.com](mailto:EvansASE@aol.com).

Calendar events are also posted on Town's website: [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov)

